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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV RH
SUBJ: RHODESIA: PRELIMINARY REPORT ON POSSIBLE RHODESIAN USE OF CHINOOKS

REF: STATE 64490; LUSAKA 0806; LUSAKA 0827

1. I CALLED PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT, MARK CHONA, TUESDAY NOON TO ASK FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO GIVE HIM A PRE-LIMINARY REPORT ON THE CLAIM THAT THE RHODESIANS HAD USED CHINOOKS HELICOPTERS IN THEIR MARCH 6 RAID. HE ASKED ME TO COME OVER IMMEDIATELY SINCE HE WAS SEEING THE PRESIDENT AT LUNCH TIME.

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2. I STARTED OFF BY SAYING THAT I ASSUMED THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST FOR A REPORT FROM ME WHICH HE HAD MADE AT THE MEETING WITH THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND THEN REPEATED TO THE PRESS LATER IN THE AFTERNOON WAS A SERIOUS REQUEST. CHONA CONFIRMED THAT INDEED IT WAS (AND I TRUST REGISTERED THE REST OF THE POINT). I REVIEWED FOR HIM THE POINTS CONTAINED REF STATE TEL. I SAID THAT THERE WERE OTHER

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HELICOPTERS IN THE AREA WHICH MIGHT BE CONFUSED FOR
CHINOOK BECAUSE OF THEIR SIZE AND I HAD JANE'S WORLD AIRCRAFT
WITH ME IN WHICH I SHOWED HIM THE CHINOOK. HE IMMEDIATELY
IDENTIFIED THE OTHER HELICOPTERS AS THE PUMA (AERO SPATIALE
SA 330) WITH WHICH HE WAS QUITE FAMILIAR. I TOLD HIM THAT I
WAS ONLY GIVING HIM A PRELIMINARY ANSWER TO THE QUESTION BUT
SAID THAT IF THE GRZ COULD GIVE US ANY FURTHER INFORMATION,
INCLUDING SERIAL NUMBERS OR PHOTOGRAPHS, IT WOULD HELP US
CONSIDERABLY.

3. CHONA THANKED ME AND WE MOVED INTO OTHER SUBJECTS.
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